

House Resolution No. 3843

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Leonarda Sciacca Gandolfo of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred First Birthday with a special celebration at Da Boldo Restaurant; and

Whereas, on June 24, 1906, in Salemi, Italy, God brought a special gift to the Sciacca family with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Leonarda, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Leonarda Gandolfo will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as attending St. Agostino School in Salemi, Italy, a small town in western Sicily where her father was the music maestro and the library is home to his music; being married in September 1932 to Sebastiano Gandolfo, with whom she shared twenty-four years of wedded bliss; and moving to the United States with her children in 1956; and

Whereas, Leonarda Gandolfo has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include seven children, eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Leonarda Gandolfo has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past century, a few of which include playing the mandolin in her younger days, singing, crocheting, and reading; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 101, Leonarda Gandolfo is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Leonarda Gandolfo at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri Century Club member Leonarda Sciacca Gandolfo, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Patricia M. Yaeger
District No. 96

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3843, adopted May 23, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker